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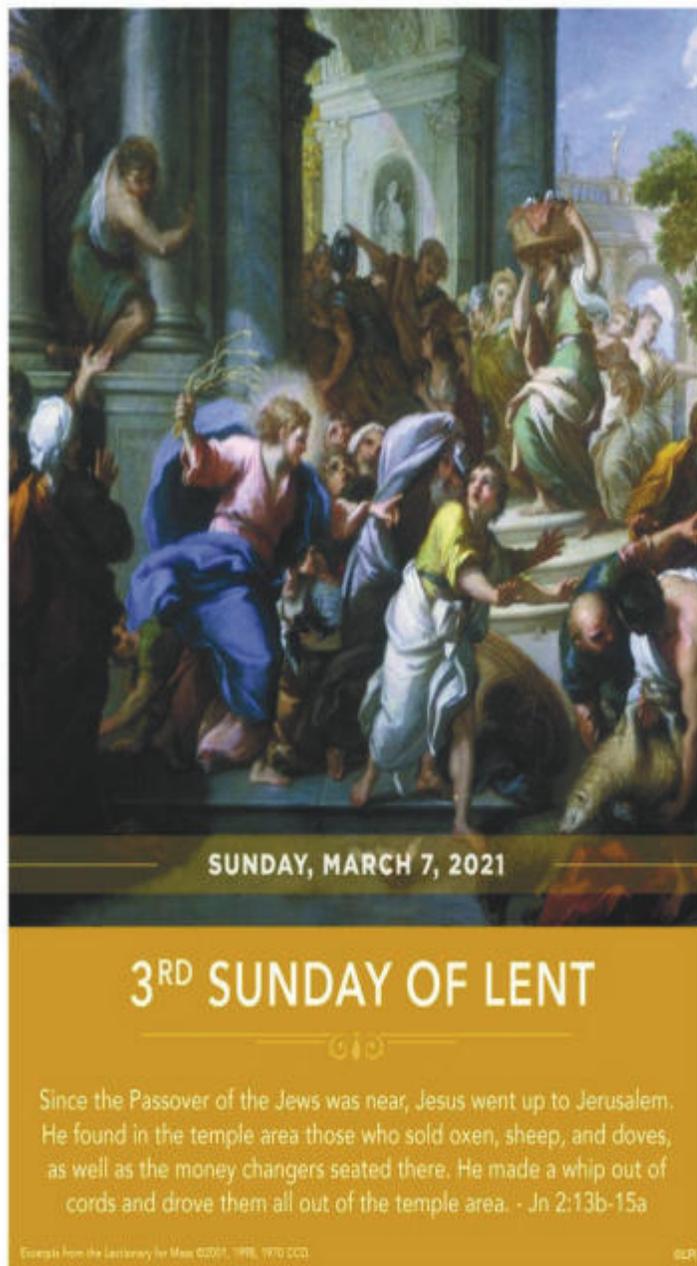
MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS – upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS – Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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ONLINE GIVING <https://osvhub.com/st-alphonsus-liguori-parish/funds>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

7 SUN Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

6:00 PM Vigil **Russell Hayes** birthday wishes
by Jim & Pat Harrison

✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

8 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

✠ 9:00 AM **Margaret Grande** by the Crafters

9 Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

✠ 9:00 AM **Viola Whittemore** by the Crafters

10 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

11 Thu Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

12 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

13 Sat Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

14 SUN Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

✠ 6:00 PM Vigil **Peter Senatore** by Urbain Dupont
9:00 AM **Parishioners**

The Otter Valley Catholic Community Looks Forward to the Springtime of Lent

9:00am Weekday Masses

Monday & Tuesday at Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

Wednesday & Thursday at Our Lady of Good Help, Brandon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1:30-1:45pm – Fridays of Lent at Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

3:15-3:45pm – Saturdays at Our Lady of Good Help, Brandon

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – Wednesdays at Our Lady of Good Help, Brandon

1:00pm – Fridays at Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence

Catholics fourteen years of age and above must abstain from eating meat on Fridays.

are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - LPi

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Saint Alphonsus has again been asked to join the Dismas House Backpack Program. They are in need of:

For Men at 103 Park Ave. For Women at 22 Royce Street

Deodorants

Loofahs

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Razors

Shaving Creams

Body washes

Loofahs

Socks

Hand/Body Lotions.

The women’s home will be open late March so these items would be wonderful to have for new residents.

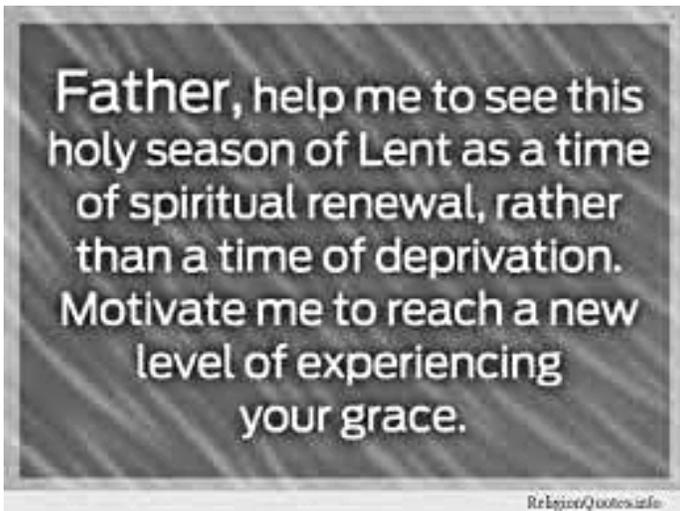
Please look for a bin in the back of the church in which you can place your donation.

FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 16th

Finance Meeting 5:45 PM

Parish Council 6:30 PM



Parish-based 40 Days for Life

As we participate in the Parish-based 40 Days for Life, it is important to root our understanding of life issues in the teachings of the church. The following excerpts are taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

2273 The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a *constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation*: The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death."⁸⁰ "The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined. . . . As a consequence of the respect and protection which must be ensured for the unborn child from the moment of conception, the law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child's rights."⁸¹

2274 Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being. *Prenatal diagnosis* is morally licit, "if it respects the life and integrity of the embryo and the human fetus and is directed toward its safe guarding or healing as an individual. . . . It is gravely opposed to the moral law when this is done with the thought of possibly inducing an abortion, depending upon the results: a diagnosis must not be the equivalent of a death sentence."⁸²

2275 "One must hold as licit procedures carried out on the human embryo which respect the life and integrity of the embryo and do not involve disproportionate risks for it, but are directed toward its healing the improvement of its condition of health, or its individual survival."⁸³ "It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material."⁸⁴ "Certain attempts to *influence chromosomal or genetic inheritance* are not therapeutic but are aimed at producing human beings selected according to sex or other predetermined qualities. Such manipulations are contrary to the personal dignity of the human being and his integrity and identity"⁸⁵ which are unique and unrepeatable.

⁸⁰ CDF, *Donum vitae III*.

⁸¹ CDF, *Donum vitae III*. <iR> ⁸² CDF, *Donum vitae I,2*.

⁸³ CDF, *Donum vitae I,3*.

⁸⁴ CDF, *Donum vitae I,5*.

⁸⁵ CDF, *Donum vitae I,6*. </ognetum<>

THINGS TO REMEMBER AND KNOW

- Please wear a mask and bring a small bottle of sanitizer to sanitize your hands when entering the church and before communion.
- Social distancing must always be adhered to.
- Per request of the Bishop to ensure the churches stay open, contact tracing is required. Please note the forms in the pews in front of you. If you have previously completed one, you need only to fill out family name, date of attendance and the names of those who attended with you.

YOU TOUCH IT, YOU TAKE IT HOME! The weekly bulletin and any handouts are placed in the pew in front of you. Please take these items home with you. This practice of “you touch it, you take it home” is to ensure that we are not passing on any possible infectious germs.

Last Sunday's Offertory \$	1,589.00
Online Giving \$	50.00
Total \$	1,639.00
Last Year this Date \$	1,183.00
E Europeans \$	15.00
Fuel \$	110.00
Building \$	55.00

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

Latin High Mass in West Rutland: On Sunday, March 7, at 5 pm, a traditional Latin Mass (a/k/a Tridentine or Extraordinary Form Mass) will be offered at St. Bridget's Church. This will be a sung Mass with Gregorian chant. For more information please contact latinmassvt@live.com.

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